

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Department of Telecommunications and Energy**  
**Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company**  
**Docket No. D.T.E. 02-24/25**  
**Responses to the Attorney General's Seventh Set of Information Requests**

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**Request No. AG-7-65 (Electric)**

Referring to Schedule MHC-5, page 3, please provide a complete and detailed description of the nature of the "Amortization" expense indicated on that page. Please also indicate the total original amount, number of years of which it is being amortized, and the original in service date for the asset.

**Response:**

Please refer to the table below. When analyzing amortization expense vs. original amounts and in-service dates, it's important to note that "original amounts" reflect additions made from time to time early in the projects' lives, requiring adjustments to amortization amounts or periods after amortization originally commenced. Also, IBM and BLC leases are for computer and office equipment and vehicles. Items of varying amounts and amortization periods are routinely added and retired from the agreements, so total amortization attributable to these leases can vary from month to month.

Description	Original Amt	Amort Period	In Service Date	2001 Amort Expense
Flexi System (General ledger software)	776,863	60 months	Oct-98	155,120
Customer Information System (Customer billing system)	1,083,914	89 months	Dec-98	99,970
Web-based Customer Systems	3,501,232	84 months	Jan-01	399,025
Development of Web-based Customer Systems	5,413	60 months	Jun-01	631
Electronic Data Interchange (Energy Supplier/3 <sup>rd</sup> party tracking system)	118,339	60 months	Jan-00	26,778
Employee Time and Billing	171,641	60 months	Jan-00	33,985
Work Order & Asset Mgt. System	106,837	36 months	Jan-01	38,580
Bottomline Technology (Accounts payable system)	19,756	36 months	Apr-01	4,939
IBM Lease (AS400 Mainframe & computer equip.)	1,558,658	101 months	Apr-96	129,989
BLC Lease (Office equipment & vehicles)	See Attachment AG-7-65	See attach	See attach	588,644
			TOTAL	\$1,477,661

**Person Responsible:** Mark H. Collin